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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	376	Median Age of Population (1980)	32.8
Estimated Population (1984)	230,802	% Population Urban (1980)	69.7
Population per Square Mile (1984)	614	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$11,873
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 2.4	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	3.4
Projected Population (1990)	238,490	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	8.7
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 5.8	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	5.4

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	230,802	112,466	118,336	35-44	29,330	14,377	14,953
0-4	15,147	7,769	7,378	45-54	22,868	11,058	11,810
5-14	29,745	15,304	14,441	55-64	26,465	12,202	14,263
15-24	38,685	20,390	18,295	65+	32,254	12,950	19,304
25-34	36,308	18,416	17,892				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	1,966	Number of Divorces	747
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.5	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.2
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	32
Median Age of Groom	27	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	2,662
Rate per 1,000 Population	11.5
Median Age of Mother	26
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.6

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	2,662	100.0	30-34	509	19.1
UNDER 15	4	0.2	35-39	131	4.9
15-19	292	11.0	40-44	10	0.4
20-24	749	28.1	45+	1	0.0
25-29	966	36.3	UNKNOWN	0	—

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea	207	Meningitis: Aseptic	23	Salmonellosis	34
Hepatitis: Type A	15	Meningitis: Meningococcal	1	Shigellosis	12
Hepatitis: Type B	21	Mumps	1	Syphilis	2
Hepatitis: unspecified	0	Rubella	11	Tuberculosis	15
Hepatitis: Non-A/Non-B	2				

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	2,129	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	15
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	9.2	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	5.6
Median Age at Death	74.0	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	12

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	952	44.7	Perinatal Conditions	8	44.4	Accidents, All Forms	11	42.3
Cancer	478	22.5	Accidents, All Forms	3	16.7	Suicide	4	15.4
Cerebrovascular Disease	127	6.0	Congenital Anomalies	3	16.7	Cancer	3	11.5
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	74	3.5				Congenital Anomalies	3	11.5
Accidents, All Forms	61	2.9				Homicide	2	7.7
All Other	437	20.5	All Other	4	22.2	All Other	3	11.5
TOTAL	2,129	100.0	TOTAL	18	100.0	TOTAL	26	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	15	20.5	Heart Disease	166	39.7	Heart Disease	771	48.4
Suicide	15	20.5	Cancer	145	34.7	Cancer	317	19.9
Cancer	13	17.8	Accidents, All Forms	19	4.5	Cerebrovascular Disease	108	6.8
Accidents, All Forms	9	12.3	Cerebrovascular Disease	17	4.1	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	66	4.1
Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	3	4.1	Suicide	10	2.4	Pneumonia and Influenza	51	3.2
All Other	18	24.7	All Other	61	14.6	All Other	281	17.6
TOTAL	73	100.0	TOTAL	418	100.0	TOTAL	1,594	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
1	1	0	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	1	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	1	Family Practice Center	0	Limited	0	General	1
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	1	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	389	1.7
Admissions	12,348	53.5

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	0	—
Admissions	0	—

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $180

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	4	3	1
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	2	0	2
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	3	3	3
TOTAL	9	6	6

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	599	18.6
Intermediate	861	26.7
Total (SNF + ICF)	1,460	45.3

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.7

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $64
Intermediate $54

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
5	753	270	483	0	55.4

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
2	1	0	0	2	0

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	668	Certified Paramedics I	0
Ambulance Providers	24	Certified Paramedics II	57

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 5

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	3	Autism	3	Muscular Dystrophy	2
Cerebral Palsy	2	Learning Disabilities	3	Other	5
Epilepsy	2	Multiple Sclerosis	2		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 1

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 4